

## SIX ROASTED ALIVE IN BURNING DWELLING

M. A. Strange, Aged Confederate Veteran, and Five Children of S. E. Hamlett, the Victims.

## BLAZE DISCOVERED TOO LATE

Parents and One Child Aroused by Neighbors in Time to Escape From House Over Porch Roof—Fire, Which Occurred in South Boston, of Mysterious Origin.

(By Associated Press.)  
DANVILLE, VA., July 5.—As the result of a mysterious fire which totally destroyed the home of S. E. Hamlett, a South Boston, early this morning, five Hamlett children and M. A. Strange, aged 70, were burned to death and another child, aged four years, was seriously injured. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlett escaped without injury. The victims of the frightful affair were: M. A. Strange, Vernie Hamlett, aged 14; Beatrice Hamlett, aged 7; Violet Hamlett, 6; Cecil Hamlett, 3; Henry Hamlett, 18 months.

Mr. Hamlett, who is employed with a planing mill at South Boston, resided in a two story frame building on the west side of the city, near the Norfolk & Western Railway.

Neighbors Discover Fire.  
The fire was discovered at about three o'clock this morning by neighbors. At this hour, the occupants of the house had not been aroused and the building was almost completely enveloped in flames, the fire raging the worst on the south side of the structure.

The house was threatening to fall in at almost any minute, when Mr. Hamlett and his wife were aroused. They were on the north side of the house, and their four-year-old child was in the same room. They crawled out of the window on the front porch and dropped their child to the ground, both of the child's arms being broken by the fall. The baby was also slightly burned, and its face lacerated. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlett reached the ground safely.

All of the occupants of the building were sleeping on the second story and those who met death were on the south side of the house.

Too Late to Save Them.  
When the fire was discovered it was impossible to save any of the children or Mr. Strange, all of whom are thought to have been burned to death by that time. Strange was a Confederate veteran of Halifax county and was in South Boston to attend the Fourth of July celebration.

The building collapsed and fell a few minutes after Mr. and Mrs. Hamlett escaped. The bodies of the victims were burned to a crisp, the remains, an unrecognizable mass of bones, being taken from the debris today.

## BRISTOL LOCAL OPTION FIGHT WAXING WARM

People "Across the Street" in Tennessee as Much Interested in Result as Virginians.

BRISTOL, VA., July 5.—The excitement of a mayoralty contest in New York is mild compared with that which has been stirred up here over the "wet" and "dry" election which occurs next Thursday.

Not only will the election affect the inhabitants of this city, but the residents of Bristol, Tenn., "just across the street," are likewise interested, although they are without a vote. Should the city go "wet" it will be one of the few legal cases of its kind from Cumberland Gap to the Louisiana State line, the States of Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas having either banished intoxicating liquors from their domains or greatly restricted its sale.

In the last days of the campaign the fight has slumbered down to a cooled "prosperity" and "prohibition." Two years ago Bristol voted "dry." Not long afterwards the Legislature established a dispensary at Abingdon, Va. 15 miles away. Those 15 miles have become almost as famous as the 20 miles of "Sheridan's ride."

It is said that the records of the Norfolk and Western Railway for the last 12 months show that 128,000 round-trip tickets from Bristol to Abingdon were sold. Under the laws of the State a dispensary has not the right to ship liquor to its customers, but it is said that trainloads of people have returned here from Abingdon with satchels, dress-suit cases and

even small trunks filled with intoxicants.  
The "wets" claim drunkenness has not decreased here during the "dry spell." The temperance forces deny the assertion. The "wets" declare that Bristol is losing \$100,000 every year it keeps the saloons out, but the "drys" cannot figure it out that way.

## GILCHRIST DECLARES HIS FAITH IN DEMOCRACY

Florida Governor, Arouses Enthusiasm During Tammany's Fourth Celebration.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, July 5.—With its traditional enthusiasm, the Society of Tammany held its Fourth of July celebration today, a throng of members filling the elaborately decorated audience chamber in Tammany Hall and cheering the patriotic sentiments of the speakers.

Chief among these was Governor Albert W. Gilchrist, of Florida, who aroused the enthusiasm of his auditors with his pronouncement of renewed faith in traditional Democratic doctrine.

Governor Gilchrist devoted considerable attention to the race problem, defending with fervor the South's course with regard to the negro and alluding pointedly to the newer race questions which are agitating other sections of the South.

John Sharp Williams, senator-elect from Mississippi, deploring his inability to come to the celebration wrote: "If there, I would choose as a subject: 'When a Democrat is not a Democrat; some recent illustrations.'"

## Freight Wreck at Jetersville.

DANVILLE, VA., July 5.—An extra freight train of the Southern Railway was wrecked yesterday at Jetersville, Va., between here and Richmond, derailing seven cars. The track was cleared by wrecking crews from Manchester and Greensboro at about 4 o'clock this morning. A force was at work at Jetersville repairing the track. It is said that the proper signals were not posted for the freight.

## Work For 200 Idle Miners.

KINGWOOD, W. VA., July 5.—Several of the miners of Elkans Coal and Coke Company, of which Senator Elkins is the owner, will resume operations this week and give employment to about 200 miners.

## TRAGEDY IN RICHMOND

Barber Kills His Wife and Then Shoots Himself.

## QUARREL OVER WHIPPING OF BOY

Mrs. Mordecai Taylor Threatens to Leave Home Again, and Angry Husband Begins Shooting—His Wounds Probably Fatal.

RICHMOND, VA., July 5.—Declaring that she should never leave him again unless they went together, Mordecai Harvey Taylor, a barber, living at 1211 North Twenty-second street, this noon shot and killed his wife before two of their smallest children, and then rushed into an adjoining room and turned the same revolver on himself, inflicting a wound in the left breast which may prove fatal.

The murder and attempt at suicide was the result of a quarrel which started over the whipping of one of the children by Taylor. Mrs. Taylor left home Saturday, going to the home of her sister. Returning some time today, the quarrel was renewed and Mrs. Taylor threatened to leave a third time.

"Well if you're going to leave me again we might as well go together," replied the angry husband, and he began shooting. He fired four times, one of the balls penetrated the neck, another the right hand and two went into the back.

## REBUILDING BIG TENT.

Temporary Home of Calvary Church To Be Ready For Occupancy Sunday.  
The work of rebuilding the big canvas tent in which the congregation of the Calvary Baptist church has been worshipping for two weeks, began yesterday morning. Mr. J. J. Watson, one of the church deacons and a number of the members of the church tearing away the debris and putting up a new frame. Sail-makers sewed up the rents in the canvas.

The work will be completed within a few days and the tent will be ready for occupation before the next Sunday.

## TARIFF BILL PROVIDES FOR CUSTOMS COURT

Section Adopted After Being Amended by Raynor So As to Exclude Criminal Cases.

## FIVE MEMBERS OF NEW TRIBUNAL

Plan is to Supersede Present Courts in All Customs Matters—Brown's Income Tax Resolution, Submitting Constitutional Amendment to States, Adopted—Busy on Holiday.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—Notwithstanding the fact that this was a legal holiday, the Senate put in a full day's time, and business proceeded from 10 o'clock in the morning until 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon with punctilious regularity and exceptional celerity. The result was marvellous. Not since the tariff bill has come into the Senate has so much been accomplished within a day.

Indeed, when the sitting came to an end, a summary of the proceedings showed that there was very little left to be done. The principal item still to be considered was the tobacco tax, the figures on which had not been completed by the committee when the Senate adjourned.

The day was devoted in the main to the consideration of the administrative provisions of the bill and to the Brown resolution providing for the submission of the question of income tax to the legislatures of the various states, which, while not apart of the tariff bill, is so related to it as to have made it necessary to consider it in connection with the bill.

## Raynor Fights Customs Court.

The best fight of the day was made by Senator Raynor against the customs court feature of the administrative amendment.

He undertook to puncture the provision and he made the longest speech of the day, in which he set forth with much emphasis the declaration that the court would be found to be unconstitutional because, while dealing with questions at common law, it makes no provision for trial by jury, which he said every suitor under the common law has a right to demand.

In presenting his views he sharply criticized Mr. Aldrich, whom he frequently reminded that he was not a lawyer and could not be expected to understand legal and constitutional questions.

The provision was reviewed by numerous lawyers, but Mr. Root said he had not favored the creation of the court.

## Raynor's Amendment.

The provision occupied attention for about three hours, and ultimately was adopted without division, though not until it had been amended in accordance with Mr. Raynor's suggestion so as to exclude criminal cases from its operation.

The proposed court is to consist of five members and it is intended to supersede the United States courts in customs matters. In addition to the customs court the Senate also gave attention to another provision of the tariff bill, including the drawback feature relative to which the committee on finance made no recommendation beyond striking out the House provision which would have the effect of throwing the whole question into conference.

In the Senate, however, several amendments were made, some of which were permitted at Senator McCumber's instance to satisfy the grain producers of the northwest. A number of other minor additions were also made and all the administrative features disposed of.

## Income Tax Resolution.

Earlier in the day the income tax resolution of Senator Brown, of Nebraska, was adopted. The resolution submits to the legislatures of the states an amendment to the constitution providing that "Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several states, and without regard to any census or enumeration."

There was three hours of debate over this measure, the principal contest being over an amendment by Senator Bailey, submitting the amendment to conventions in the state instead of the various state legislatures. The amendment was defeated, the division being largely along party lines. The Brown amendment was adopted unanimously.

Senator Aldrich hopes to have the

bill pass tomorrow from committee of the whole to the Senate. In the Senate it will receive brief attention and will then go to conference.

The tobacco schedule will probably provoke considerable debate and the chairman of the finance committee may be disappointed. The bill is, however, near its finish in the Senate.

## NEGROES JAILED FOR ROBBING STORE HOUSE

Pryor Epps and Edward Timberlake Charged With Entering Phelps' Grocery.

Pryor Epps and Edward Timberlake, both negroes, were arrested yesterday for complicity in the robbery of the store house of R. L. Phelps, a grocer of 3000 Washington avenue. The former is charged with housebreaking and larceny and the latter with larceny.

The store house in the rear of Mr. Phelps' grocery was broken into sometime Saturday night and seven cases of canned tomatoes were stolen. The robbery was reported to the police yesterday morning immediately after the goods were missed and Acting Detective Sergeant Pearson was put to work on the case. He traced a part of the stolen goods to a store in Bloodfield, where the robbers had sold it. Later Detective Pearson and Sergeant Mitchell arrested Timberlake and locked him up on the charge of larceny. The officers learned later that Epps was in Williamsburg and he was arrested at the depot last night when he returned to this city.

Sometime after his arrest, Epps told the police that he did not propose to be prosecuted when others were going free and that he would "tell some things" in police court this morning. Epps is well known to the police and for sometime the local officers have suspected him of taking liquor to Williamsburg from this city and selling it in the "dry" town.

When they searched the man at the station house, the officers found that he had about \$18 in cash on him. Later G. C. Lenz went to the station and told the officers that Epps had collected some money for him in Williamsburg yesterday. When questioned, Epps admitted that he had, and the money was turned over to Mr. Lenz by the station keeper.

## NEGRO MORTALLY WOUNDED WHILE ASLEEP IN HIS BED

George Bell Cut to Pieces and Shot by Dan Wilson, Who Has Not Been Captured.

While asleep in his bed at his home on Eighteenth street early Sunday morning, George Bell, a negro, was attacked by Dan Wilson, also colored, and probably was mortally wounded. Bell's assailant first cut him a dozen times with a razor or knife and then fired one shot into his abdomen. Little hope is entertained for the man's recovery.

Wilson escaped after the trouble and is still at large. The police believe that they are on his trail and expect to land him within a few days. Bell was still alive last night.

The trouble is said to have started over Wilson's wife. She was arrested after the crime and is being held by the police as a material witness. She refuses to tell anything regarding the present whereabouts of her husband and claims not to know whether or not he has any relatives in distant cities.

The police were notified a few minutes after the shot was fired and several officers rushed to the scene. None of the negroes in the neighborhood seemed to know anything of the affair and the officers were not able to get from them much information that will be of assistance in capturing Wilson.

Dr. William F. Cooper was called to attend the wounded man and he sewed up the cut wounds. The negro had lost considerable blood before the physician arrived and is in a very weak condition.

## Spaniards in Morocco.

MELILLA, MOROCCO, July 5.—A Spanish column has penetrated the country of the hostile tribesmen and arrested certain tribesmen who recently assaulted a Spanish policeman, as well as others who were responsible for an attempt to stop work in the mines and on the railroad. The military demonstration was the result of orders issued by Gen. Marina, governor of Melilla.

## Mrs. Leiter at Beverly.

BEVERLY, MASS., July 5.—It is announced that for the first time in fifteen years Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter will spend the summer in America. She will be the leader of the Taft circle here. Her own cottage at Manchester-by-the-Sea will be a place of change for Mrs. Taft, while the Taft cottage itself will see more of Mrs. Leiter than her own house.

## Mr. Cushman May Die.

NEW YORK, July 5.—Representative Francis W. Cushman, of Tacoma, Wash., who is ill with pneumonia in Roosevelt Hospital, was said today to be very low and his death might occur at any time.

## FOUR DEAD; HUNDREDS INJURED IN NEW YORK

Celebration of Glorious Fourth Marred, As Usual, by Innumerable Accidents.

## "SAFE AND SANE" AT CHICAGO

Only One Fatality Reported This Year in Western City Where Twelve Celebrators Lost Their Lives Twelve Months Ago.—Tragedies Reported From Few Cities.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, July 5.—Four deaths, 327 injuries, nine of them dangerous and one so seriously that death seems certain, was the Fourth of July record in New York and Brooklyn up to midnight tonight.

The hat up to 10 o'clock tonight follows:

Edith Brown, 6 years, died from fractured skull, caused by explosion of toy cannon; Dorothy Martin, five years old, died from burns caused by ignition of box of matches; Georgia Malfredonia, aged 10 years, died of tetanus after wounding his hand with a toy pistol; Giuseppe Pagano, 40 years old, killed by random bullet supposedly fired by a celebrator, though relatives maintain that he was murdered.

Fires in the city and suburbs were numbered by the score, but none in New York proper did any great damage.

## Only One Death at Chicago.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 5.—A "sane" celebration of the Fourth was carried out here. At midnight only 35 accidents had been reported. There was but one death. The record of last year was 12 dead and 114 injured in Chicago alone.

## Crippled Newsboy Burned.

MEMPHIS, TENN., July 5.—In some unexplained manner a spark ignited a bunch of fire crackers carried in the shirt bosom of Little Charles Bedona, a crippled newsboy today, and he was probably fatally burned.

## BOY DROWNED DURING NEW ENGLAND REGATTA

Eighteen-year-old Edward Morley Loses His Life While Clinging to Overturned Shell.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, MASS., July 5.—An accident and a fatality attended a championship regatta of the New England Amateur Rowing Association late today. Edward Morley, an 18 year old boy in the St. Athanasius junior crew of Roxbury, Mass., was drowned while clinging to a tow rope to which he had been helped by two boat mates after their shell had capsized.

Meanwhile the five other boat crews which had been contesting in the junior eight oared race, the last event of the regatta, were struggling in the water, two swamping before reaching the line and three after.

## JIRIKI, MORO OUTLAW CHIEF, AND HIS BAND EXTERMINATED

Desperate Fight in Philippines, in Which One American is Killed and Twenty-three Wounded.

MANILA, July 6.—In a desperate fight near Patian, on Jolo island yesterday Jiriki, the famous Moro outlaw chief, was killed and his entire band exterminated by detachments of regulars and constabulary under Captain George L. Byam, of the Sixth United States cavalry, operating in conjunction with a naval flotilla of the mosquito fleet under Lieutenant Commander Synder.

## Lets Dev at Latonia.

(By Associated Press.)  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, July 5.—The 26 day's spring meeting of the Latonia Jockey Club closed today with the largest crowd of the meeting in attendance. The Independence handicap at a mile and a sixteenth was the feature of the card. Zienap, 4 to 1, went to the front at the start and was never headed, winning easily by a length.

## AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO.

H. L. Wilson, Now Minister to Belgium, to be Appointed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—President Taft has decided to appoint Henry Lane Wilson, of Washington, who is now American minister to Belgium, to be ambassador to Mexico, succeeding David E. Thompson, of Nebraska, who has resigned from the diplomatic service, to take effect on January 1 next. Mr. Wilson has been in the diplomatic service since June 9, 1898, when he was appointed minister to Chile. In March, 1905, he was transferred from Chile to Belgium. The vacancy created at Brussels by Mr. Wilson's transfer to Mexico probably will be filled by the transfer of Charles Page Bryan, of Illinois, present minister to Portugal, to the Belgium post. It is understood that T. St. John Gaffney, American consul general at Dresden, will be promoted to be minister to Portugal.

William F. Sands, of the District of Columbia, now secretary of the American embassy in Mexico City, will be promoted to be minister to Salvador.

## NORFOLK CITIZEN DEAD.

Rudolph S. Cohn Too Weak to Stand Operation.

NORFOLK, July 5.—Rudolph S. Cohn, one of Norfolk's leading citizens and business men died at 4 o'clock this morning at his home No. 27 Botetourt street, from appendicitis and peritis.

A weak heart prevented an operation and though everything known to human skill was done to save him, all was without avail and Mr. Cohn passed away peacefully, surrounded by all members of his family with the exception of one married daughter who is now hastening to Norfolk from her home in Illinois.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Cohn home tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock and the remains will be sent early Wednesday morning to the deceased's old home in Princess Anne, Md., for burial.

## Former Actress Dead.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., July 5.—Mrs. C. H. Blinn, mother of Holbrook Blinn, leading man for Mrs. Fiske in "Salvation Nell" Company, died at her home in this city early today. Mrs. Blinn was formerly well known as an actress and concert singer and later as a speaker on woman suffrage.

## KETCHEL BEATS PAPKE

Awarded Decision at End of Twenty Vicious Rounds

## GREETED WITH CHEERS AND HOOTS

Champion Forces Fighting From Start

Landing Time and Again—Hatred

Lurks Behind Every Punch, and

Ring Resembles Shambles.

(By Associated Press.)

ARENA, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., July 5.—Stanley Ketchel is still the world's middleweight champion. In a desperate, grueling battle, during which the champion was constantly on the aggressive, he was awarded the decision over Billy Papke, of Illinois, at the end of the twenty round, scheduled number. Ketchel claimed to have broken his right hand in the sixth round and this assertion was verified. His left thumb also was dislocated. The decision of the referee was greeted with a mixture of cheers and hoots.

Referee Roche, after the contest made the following statement:

"Ketchel was the aggressor at all times. Furthermore, he landed the cleaner and harder punches and scored the only knockdown, in the tenth round—although nearly everybody seems to think that Papke had slipped to the floor."

## Ketchel Clearly Winner.

"There is absolutely no question but Ketchel earned a clear cut decision." As to the fight itself, the "assassin," as Ketchel has been characterized by ring followers, bade fair literally to live up to this name. He forced the fighting from the tap of the initial song and with the exception of the third enjoyed a clear lead in the first half of the battle. In the eleventh Ketchel landed time and again with ponderous lefts, but try as he would he could not find a vital place.

## Both Men Bleeding.

Both men were bleeding freely at this stage of the battle. Papke, in particular, sporting blood from his mouth and nose until the center of the ring resembled a shambles.

The feature of the fight was the extreme viciousness with which both men fought and the apparent hatred that lurked behind every punch.

## FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE SEE AERONAUT KILLED

Mistaking Firing of Revolvers for Signal, Young Man Cuts Loose Too Soon.

## THE PARACHUTE FAILS TO OPEN

Unfortunate Performer Makes Drop With Balloon Barely Five Hundred Feet in the Air, and Comes to the Ground Like a Plummer, Sustaining Fatal Injuries.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, ME., July 5.—Mistaking the promiscuous firing of revolvers as a signal for the climax of his aerial act, James Cochrane, 28 years old, of Lowell, Mass., cut loose with his parachute when but a few hundred feet from the earth here today and was dashed to the ground, meeting almost instant death at the feet of 5,000 horrified spectators.

Three parachutes were attached to the balloon for a triple jump.

## Promiscuous Shooting.

It was arranged that Cochrane should drop with his parachutes when he heard a certain number of revolver shots after the balloon had reached a height of approximately 5,000 feet. Cochrane had barely left the ground before promiscuous firing began, but the man to give the signal called out to him to keep on up.

Above a few hundred feet it is hard for an aeronaut to judge correctly his exact height and so when Cochrane heard a second fusillade, it is believed he was certain the signal had come. He was seen to jump, although he was barely 500 feet in the air.

Drops Like Plummer.  
The distance was too short for the parachute to open properly and the man dropped like a plummet, striking the ground about 1,000 feet from where the ascension was made. He sustained a fracture of the skull and other injuries and he soon died.

## ENDEAVORS AT ST. PAUL.

Fifteen Thousand Expected to Attend Convention.

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 5.—The International Christian Endeavor Convention will begin a five-days session here next Wednesday. George M. Brack, chairman of the entertainment committee, today announced that all arrangements had been completed for taking care of 15,000 persons.

Delegates are expected from every State in the Union and from nearly every civilized country in the world. They have already begun to arrive and 11 special trains are expected to Wednesday.

The delegates will represent 15,000 societies, which have a total membership of 3,500,000. The meetings to be held during the week number more than 100 and the speaker about 100.

## To Test Sunday Selling Law.

DANVILLE, VA., July 5.—A unique point in the Sunday law will be tested in the mayor's court Tuesday morning, when Sam Goldstein, a Hebrew, will be tried for selling soft drinks on Sunday. Several days ago Goldstein bought a soda fountain on Main street and announced his intention of doing business today. He claims that his religion requires to observe Saturday as the day of religious worship and that he should not be made to close his place on Sunday. He did a big business today, and, though a warrant was sworn out for him, the police did not interfere with him.

## SPREE ON STOLEN CHICKEN.

Police Charge Harry Emory With Petty Larceny.

Harry Emory, who gives his address as 547 Thirty-fifth street, was arrested at Huntington avenue and Thirty-fifth street yesterday afternoon by Patrolmen Price and Flighman and locked up at the station house on the charge of larceny.

The police claim that the young man stole a chicken and sold it, and that afterwards he got on a spree and was acting in a disorderly manner.

Edgar Bell, an eighteen year old boy, who gives the same address, was arrested with Emory and coked up on the charge of being out of good favor.

## Death of Aged Lady.

Mrs. Annie Malrine aged 75 years, died Sunday at the home of her daughter Mrs. M. L. Lewis at her residence after a short illness. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock this morning from St. Vincent's Catholic church the services being conducted by Rev. Father Yrrol. Interment will be made at Greenlawn.